

AN ACT

relating to restrictions on the promotion and operation of charitable raffles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 2002.054(a) and (b), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The organization may not:

(1) directly or indirectly, by the use of paid advertising, promote a raffle through a medium of mass communication, including television, radio, or newspaper;

(2) promote or advertise a raffle statewide, other than on the organization's Internet website or through a publication or solicitation, including a newsletter, social media, or electronic mail, provided only to previously identified supporters of the organization; or

(3) sell or offer to sell tickets for a raffle statewide.

(b) Except as provided by this subsection, the [The] organization may not compensate a person directly or indirectly for organizing or conducting a raffle or for selling or offering to sell tickets to a raffle. A member of the organization who is employed by the organization may organize and conduct a raffle, but the member's work organizing or conducting a raffle may not be more than a de minimis portion of the member's employment with the

1 organization.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

H.B. No. 457

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 457 was passed by the House on March 30, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 4, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 457 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Letsy Graw

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

27 MAY '11

Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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